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### United States Honey Production Down 14 Percent

United States honey production in 2021 totaled 126 million pounds, down 14 percent from 2020. There were 2.70 million colonies producing honey in 2021, down slightly from 2020. Yield per colony averaged 46.9 pounds, down 14 percent from the 54.5 pounds in 2020. Producer honey stocks were 23.5 million pounds on December 15, 2021, down 41 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

### Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2020 and 2021

[Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each state.]

State	Honey producing colonies <sup>1</sup>		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks December 15 <sup>2</sup>		Average price per pound <sup>3</sup>		Value of production <sup>4</sup>	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
Alabama .....	7	8	39	40	273	320	66	112	5.52	5.99	1,507	1,917
Florida .....	192	193	46	44	8,832	8,492	883	849	2.24	2.42	19,784	20,551
Georgia.....	101	96	34	34	3,434	3,264	412	261	2.52	2.73	8,654	8,911
South Carolina....	16	16	46	42	736	672	66	67	3.44	5.32	2,532	3,575
United States <sup>5</sup> ...	2,706	2,696	54.5	46.9	147,594	126,466	39,715	23,527	2.10	2.54	309,947	321,224

<sup>1</sup> Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was harvested during the year. It is possible to harvest honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

<sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

<sup>3</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

<sup>4</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

<sup>5</sup> Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Honey](#), March 2022

### Honey Production and Yield – Florida: 2012-2021

Million pounds

Pounds per colony

